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SUBJECT: OMAN'S JAGUAR-RAPIER AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM

1. FROM SOURCES IN SULTAN OF OMAN'S AIR FORCE (SOAF) AND BRITISH AEROSPACE (FORMERLY BRITISH AIRCRAFT CORP.), WE HAVE OBTAINED INFO OUTLINED BELOW ON THE JAGUAR AND RAPIER AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM THAT BRITISH AEROSPACE HAS SOLD TO OMAN. WE SUBMIT THIS DATA AS SUPPLEMENT AND UPDATE OF OTHER REPORTS.

2. JAGUAR: THE LAST TWO OF THE TWELVE PLANES ORDERED ARRIVED IN OMAN ON MAY 10. THE ENTIRE SQUADRON OF TWELVE JAGUARS IS TO BE BASED AT THAMRAIT IN SOUTHERN OMAN, ALTHOUGH INDIVIDUAL PLANES FROM THE SQUADRON WILL OFTEN BE DEPLOYED AT SEEB, SALALAH, OR MASIRAH. ALL PILOTS OF THE JAGUARS ARE EXPATRIATES. NO OMANI PILOTS ARE LIKELY TO BE CAPABLE OF PILOTING THE JAGUARS FOR SOME YEARS. BUT SEVERAL OMANI PILOTS ARE IN TRAINING AT PRESENT WHO WILL BE BROUGHT UP GRADUALLY THROUGH LESS SOPHISTICATED AIRCRAFT TO THE JAGUAR CLASS.

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3. RAPIER: THE INSTALLATION OF THE MISSILE SYSTEM IS NEARLY COMPLETED. ONLY MISCELLANEOUS WORK PLUS THE FINAL PHASE OF THE RADAR ELEMENT ARE LEFT TO DO. THERE ARE TWO SQUADRONS CONSISTING OF TWELVE FIRING UNITS EACH, ONE AT THAMRAIT AND ONE AT SEEB. THEY ARE MANNED BY PERSONNEL FROM SOAF, WHICH CONTROLS THE ENTIRE JAGUAR-RAPIER PACKAGE. THE PERSONNEL IN BOTH LOCATIONS ARE ALL TRAINED AND READY TO GO, OR VIRTUALLY SO. ALL PERSONNEL EXCEPT FOR

THE TWO SQUADRON COMMANDERS ARE OMANIS. IN ADDITION TO THAMRAIT
AND SEEB, INSTALLATIONS HAVE BEEN PUT AT SALALAH AND MASIRAH
MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO DEPLOY SOME FIRING UNITS AT THESE PLACES
IF THE NEED ARISES. SOURCES DID NOT DISCLOSE NUMBER OF MISSILES
ORDERED FOR THE TWO SQUADRONS.
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